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National Operations Brief Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019

National Response Coordination Center: Steady State

National Watch Center: Steady State

National Preparedness Level: 1 (<http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm>)

Virtual/Joint Field Offices: 6/14; **Major Declarations:** 49; **Emergency Declarations:** zero

Red Flag Warnings: none

Elevated Fire Weather: portions of southwest Texas in vicinity of Sierra Vieja and Chisos Mountains

Critical Fire Weather: none

Space Weather: past 24 hours none observed; next 24 hours none predicted

(<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/communities/space-weather-enthusiasts>)

Tropical Activity: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=5>

Western Pacific:

- Tropical Depression Two – located 1,045 miles southeast of Guam, moving west at 15 mph; forecast to pass about 200 miles south of Guam on Friday, Feb 23 23 as a Category 2 Typhoon

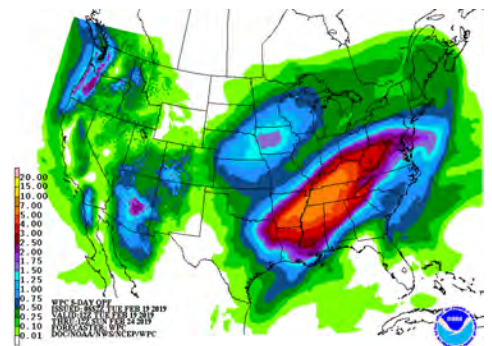
Disaster Declarations:

- Major Disaster Declaration Approved FEMA-4415-DR-Mississippi on February 14, 2019; for severe storms and flooding that occurred December 27 -28, 2018; provides Public Assistance for 10 counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide
- Denied Major Disaster Declaration Request from Vermont on January 4, 2019 for severe winter storm; request denied February 14, 2019

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Outlook

Today February 19: <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/p120i.gif?1545305853>

- Corridor of copious rainfall from Louisiana to eastern Kentucky, flooding and a moderate risk of excessive rainfall exists over parts of that region.
- Strong thunderstorms across parts of Lower Mississippi Valley, marginal risk of severe thunderstorms
- Snow and freezing rain central Appalachians, northern Mid-Atlantic; several inches of snow, changing to sleet and freezing rain, mainly along and west of Interstate 95
- Significant icing for some inland valley locations
- Moderate to locally heavy snow across central Plains and Upper Midwest; also across Cascades and northern Rockies
- Winter storm warnings and winter weather advisories for these areas with snowfall amounts in excess of eight inches for higher mountain ranges
- Very cold temperatures from Montana to Minnesota, wind chill advisories for some areas

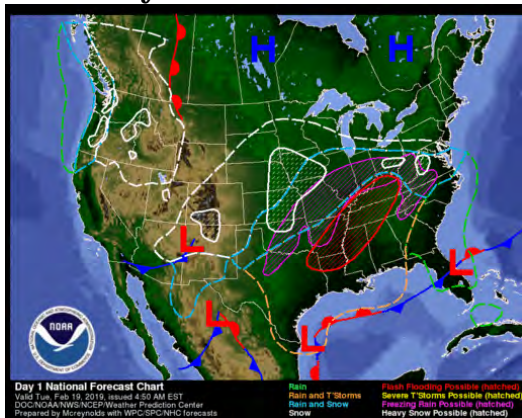


Tomorrow February 20: <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

- Rain and thunderstorms from east Texas to the Carolinas, Southeast and Florida
- Strong thunderstorms continue to impact parts of Lower Mississippi Valley
- Heavy rain, threat of flooding and flash flooding from Mississippi to eastern Kentucky
- Significant icing for southern/eastern Great Lakes, central Appalachians, portions of Mid-Atlantic and Northeast
- More snow from Upper Midwest east across northern Great Lakes to far northern New England, heavy snow for portions of eastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula

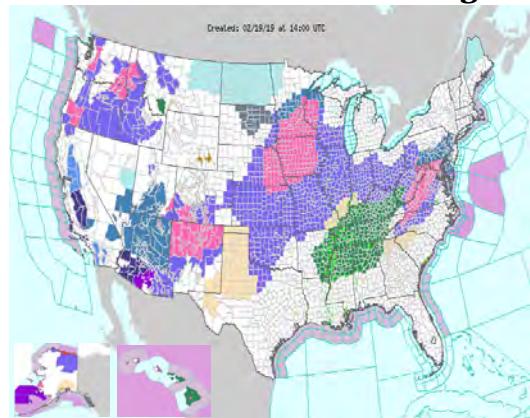
- Rain along the coast from southern California north to British Columbia
- Rain and higher elevation snow from western Washington south through Sierras to southern California coastal ranges, also for portions of Desert Southwest
- Snow from Canadian Rockies south into Great Basin, heavy snow in spots across this region

Today's Weather Outlook



http://www.nws.noaa.gov/outlook_tab.php

Current Watches and Warnings



<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/largemap.php>



The [FEMA app](#) is your one-stop-shop with tools/tips to keep you safe before, during and after disasters. Stay updated with weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service. Upload and share your disaster photos to help out emergency managers. Save a custom list of the items in your family's emergency kit, as well as the places you will meet in case of an emergency. Get tips on what to do before, during, and after over 20 types of disasters. Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person at Disaster Recovery Centers.



National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues, distributed by Department of Homeland Security. More information available: www.dhs.gov/advisories. To receive mobile updates: <https://twitter.com/dhsgov>

Health Information:

- CDC - [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#) - January 1 to February 14, 2019; 127 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 10 states (preliminary data updated weekly)
- [CIDRAP News and Perspective](#) (hyperlink - Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy)
- [Global Alert and Response Disease Outbreak News](#) (hyperlink World Health Organization)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration - [Listing of latest FDA's Recalls, Market Withdrawals & Safety Alerts](#) provides "Sign up to receive Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts"
- [Smoked Alaska Seafoods, Inc. Recalls 6.5 oz Jars & Cans of Smoked Silver Salmon Because of Possible Health Risk](#)
- [Sid Wainer and Son Initiates Class 2 Recall for Jansal Valley Dukkah Due to Potential Glass Pieces](#)
- [Kingston Pharma, LLC Issues Voluntary Recall of All Lots of "DG™ Baby Gripe Water Due to Undissolved Ingredient, Citrus Flavonoid](#)
- [Nature's Path Foods Recalls A Specific Production Run Of Envirokidz Choco Chimps, Gorilla Munch And Jungle Munch Cereals Due To Undeclared Gluten](#)
- [Chukar Cherries Expands Recall Of Amaretto Rainier Ultra Dark Chocolate Cherries Pouches Due To Undeclared Milk](#)
- U.S. Dept. Agriculture - [Food Safety/Inspection Service current recalls/alerts](#)
- Food Safety News: [Foodborne Illness Outbreaks](#) and [Food Safety News](#)
- [Nature's Path Foods recalls cereals containing undeclared gluten](#)
- [Smoked silver salmon in jars recalled over botulism fears](#)
- [Six-month old Salmonella outbreak from raw turkey continues to expand](#)



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2018-2019 Seasonal Flu Update Week 6 Synopsis: February 3 – 9, 2019

Influenza activity increased in the United States - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

- Outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 4.8 percent which is above the national baseline of 2.2 percent and above week 5 at 4.3 percent.
 - New York City and 26 states experienced **high ILI** activity
 - District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and eight states experienced **moderate ILI** activity
 - Eleven states experienced **low ILI** activity
 - U.S. Virgin Islands and five states experienced **minimal ILI** activity
 - Based on National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) mortality surveillance data available on February 14, 2019, 7.0 percent of the deaths occurring during the week ending February 2, 2019 (week 5) were due to Pneumonia and Influenza. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 7.3 percent for week 5.
 - Total number of influenza associated pediatric deaths for 2018-2019 season is 34.
- Map hyperlink <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/main.html>



2018-19 Influenza Season Week 6 ending Feb 09, 2019



*This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to healthcare providers for influenza-like illness to measure the ILI activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of flu within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.

*Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state, and therefore may not accurately depict the full picture of influenza activity for the whole state.

*Data displayed in this map are based on data collected in ILINet, whereas the State and Territorial flu activity map are based on reports from state and territorial epidemiologists. The data presented in this map is preliminary and may change as more data is received.

*Differences in the data presented by CDC and state health departments likely represent differing levels of data completeness with data presented by the state likely being the more complete.

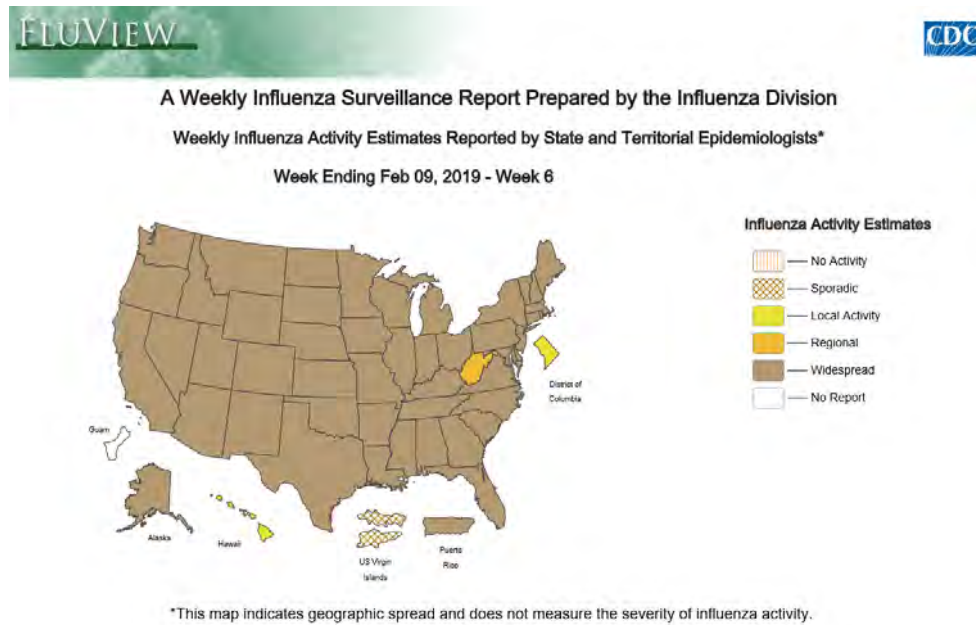
*For the data download you can use Activity Level for the number and Activity Level Label for the text description.

- [Influenza \(Flu\)](#) - CDC's Home page for Influenza

Geographic spread of influenza:

- **Widespread** influenza activity was reported by Puerto Rico and 48 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming
- **Regional** influenza activity was reported by one state: West Virginia
- **Local** influenza activity was reported by District of Columbia and one state: Hawaii
- **Sporadic** influenza activity was reported by U.S. Virgin Islands
- Guam did not report

Map hyperlink: <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/FluView8.html>



Additional Links:

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluviewinteractive.htm>. These applications were developed to enhance the weekly FluView report by better facilitating communication about influenza with the public health community, clinicians, scientists, and the general public.
2. World Health Organization: Additional influenza surveillance information from participating WHO member nations is available through [FluNet](#) and the [Global Epidemiology Reports](#).